

Table 3.I Beginning text of The Book of Alma

The printer's manuscript diction and spelling¹

line numbers added
^ = insertion above the line

27	-nder of their church the Book of Alma Chapter 1st ----- the Son of Alma
28	The account of Alma who was the Son of Alma the First and
29	Chief Judge over the people of Nephi & also the high Priest over the
30	Church. an account of the Reign of the Judges and the wars & contentio ^{ns} ^
31	among the people, And also an account of a war between the Nep
32	-hites and the Lamanites According to the Record of Alma the first and
33	Chief Judge ----- Now It came to pass that in the first Year of
34	the Reign of the Judges over the people of Nephi from this time forward, King
35	Mosiah having gone the way of all the Earth having warred a good war none
36	-fare walking uprightly before God, leaveing ^ to Reign in his stead nev by
37	-ertheless he established Laws & they were acknowledged b [^] e the people [next manuscript page]
1	170 therefore they were obleiged to abide by the Laws which he had made.

The 1830 printed edition diction, spelling and punctuation²

THE BOOK OF ALMA.
THE SON OF ALMA.
CHAPTER I.

The account of Alma, who was the son of Alma the First, and Chief Judge over the people of Nephi, and also the High Priest over the Church. An account of the reign of the Judges, and the wars and contentions among the people. And also an account of a war between the Nephites and the Lamanites, according to the record of Alma the First, and Chief Judge.

Now it came to pass that in the first year of the reign of the Judges over the people of Nephi, from this time forward, king Mosiah having gone the way of all the earth, having warred a good warfare, walking upright before God, leaving none to reign in his stead; nevertheless he established laws, and they were acknowledged by the people; therefore they were obliged to abide by the laws which he had made.

¹ Skousen, ed., *The Printer's Manuscript of the Book of Mormon, Part One*, 389-90 (manuscript pages 169-70).

² Smith, *The Book of Mormon* (1830), 221.

Printer's manuscript analysis

Title: the Book of Alma

Title appositive: the Son of Alma

Chapter designation: Chapter 1st

Introductory declaration:

Content synopsis

The account of Alma who was the Son of Alma the First and Chief Judge over the people of Nephi & also the high Priest over the Church. an account of the Reign of the Judges and the wars & contentions among the people, And also an account of a war between the Nephites and the Lamanites

Contextual statement of chronology

in the first Year of the Reign of the Judges over the people of Nephi

Societal description

King Mosiah having gone the way of all the Earth having warred a good warfare walking upright before God, leaveing none to Reign in his stead nevertheless he established Laws & they were acknowledged by the people therefore they were obleiged to abide by the Laws which he had made.

Verification

According to the Record of Alma the first and Chief Judge